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NEWS ITEMS

Lucien Marcus Underwood, Ph.D., LL.D., Torrey Professor and head of the Department of Botany in Columbia University, chairman of the Board of Scientific Directors of the New York Botanical Garden, vice-president of the Torrey Botanical Club and for five years (1898-1902) editor-in-chief of its publications, died on November 16, at the age of fifty-four years. Professor Underwood was eminent for his work on ferns, liverworts, and fungi, and he was well known to the readers of *TORREYA*.

About four acres of ground have been recently set apart as a botanic garden for the University of Chicago. This piece of ground is easily accessible from the Hull Botanical Laboratory and is to serve as a laboratory garden where experimental work may be carried on.

We learn from *Science* that by the will of Mrs. Sarah E. Potter, of Boston, Harvard University received in June a bequest of \$50,000 to be used in connection with the Gray Herbarium and to be called the Sarah E. Potter endowment fund. "As one of a number of residuary legatees, the university has now received an addition to this endowment of \$130,000."

Clark Hall, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, the new building named after Colonel William Smith Clark, an enthusiastic botanist and one of the first presidents of the institution, was dedicated on October 2. Professor D. P. Penhallow, D.Sc., F.R.S.C., of McGill University, gave an address on "William Smith Clark: his place as a scientist and his relation to the development of scientific agriculture," and Professor John M. Tyler, Ph.D., of Amherst College, spoke on the subject "Reminiscences of Col. W. S. Clark."